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1. European Views of the Summit

We are monitoring closely European reactions to the meetings which were held in New York last week, but have little information to go on so far. Generally the Europeans seem satisfied about the meetings per se and their tenor. They are probably following closely newspaper stories out of Washington according to which the administration may be working out a counter to the Soviets latest offer. They are probably quizzing USSECDEF currently in Brussels for the NPG meeting and will probe further when SECState briefs the NAC after his visit to Moscow. Although they would welcome substantive movement the Europeans seem primarily interested in having the US appear flexible and carry out effective public diplomacy. Their judgments on this score will probably have some effect on the deliberations of the WEU foreign ministers on 15 November.

2. US-Turkish DECA Renegotiations

The US-Turkish preliminary talks on the DECA renegotiations begin on 30 October in Ankara. The current DECA could have been continued on a year-to-year basis but the Turks insisted that it be renegotiated. They have proposed that:

- The current executive agreement be replaced with a treaty--something which the Turks claimed would mean that Congress would ratify the treaty and then forever keep its peace on US assistance to Turkey.
- Annual US military assistance be set by a joint high-level defense group solely on the basis of requirements for the Turkish armed forces.
- The new treaty stipulate that any US link between aid to Turkey and assistance to a third country--meaning Greece--would result in restrictions on defense cooperation, implying limitations on access to bases and operating rights by US forces.

Turkish dissatisfaction, which is reflected in these demands, is focused on their allegations that:

- The United States has not exerted its best efforts to assist Turkish force modernization, in part because of the constraints of a 7-10 Greek-Turkish assistance ratio.
- Defense industrial cooperation has not developed adequately.
- The US has contributed less than expected to the Turkish economy.

In addition to working out a reasonable compromise with the Turks, the US as always will have to keep in mind that these DECA talks will be watched closely in Athens and will have some influence on Papandreou's attempt to develop a new approach toward the US.